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**EXPEDITED PROCESSING
RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re\ Application of: Joel S. Greenberger and David R. Hurwitz
Application No.: 09/633,093
Filed: August 4, 2000

Examiner: Ian J Li
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**METHODS OF PREPARING BONE MARROW
STROMAL CELLS FOR USE IN GENE THERAPY**

(Atty. Docket No. 25,430-B USA)

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Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the term to respond to the Examiner's Action of April 23, 2002 be extended one month, from July 23, 2002 to August 23, 2002.

A check to cover the extension fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 19-5425. A duplicate of this letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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